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8.	Bank of India	NIL	(5ATMs) in five locations in Delhi.
9.	Canara Bank	5 ATMs in the process.	
		(i) Parliament St., Branch New Delhi	
		(ii) Nehru Place, New Delhi	NIL
		(iii) R.K. Puram, New Delhi	
		(iv) Karol Bagh, New Delhi	
		(v) Hauzkhas, New Delhi	
10.	Central Bank of India	NiL	(i) South Extension Branch, Delhi
			(ii) Ashoka Hotel Branch, Delhi
			(iii) Janakpuri, Branch, Delhi
11.	Corporation Bank	NIL	Two ATMs in Delhi
12.	Dena Bank	NIL	Daryaganj, Delhi
13.	Indian Bank	(i) Shantiniketan Branch DDA Market, New Delhi	NIL
		(ii) Janakpuri Branch, New Delhi	
14.	Vijaya Bank	(i) Greater Kailash-II Branch, New Delhi	NIL
		ii) Barakhamba Road Branch, New Delhi	

Financial Assistance To Assam By Fis

6196. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance given by public sector financial institutions like LIC, NABARD, Industrial Finance Corpn. of India, IDBI, Industrial Credit and Investment Corpn. of India to Assam during 1996-97;

(b) whether the assistance is proportionately very low as compared to other states, and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Regional Passport Offices in Madhya Pradesh

6197. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of passport applications pending in regional Passport Offices in Madhya Pradesh, Office-wise;

(b) the reasons for their pending;

(c) the steps taken by Government to expedite their disposal;

(d) whether there is a shortage of staff at Regional Passport Offices in Madhya Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof; office-wise; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to depute adequate staff in these offices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) The total number of passport applications pending in the Passport Office, Bhopal, the only Passport Office in Madhya Pradesh, as on 30th April, 1997, was 2990. Out of this, only 601 applications were pending for over a month, which is the normal period stipulated for issue of passports.

(b) and (c) The reasons for applications pending over a month are :

(I) Non-receipt of replies from the applicants in respect of incomplete applications.

(ii) Receipt of incomplete and vague reports from the Police Authorities.

(iii) Non-receipt of replies from other Passport Issuing Authorities in cases where references are made to them, as required under the rules.

The Passport Office, Bhopal is issuing periodic reminders to all concerned, as that these pending applications are disposed off at the earliest.

(d) to (f) Taking into consideration the workload of the Passport Office, Bhopal, the existing staff strength is quite sufficient for the efficient functioning of the Passport Office.

Safai Karmacharies in GIC

6198. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for regularising the services of part time safai karmacharies working in United India Insurance Co. Ltd. and other subsidiaries of GIC;

(b) whether the services of the above category of employees of United India Insurance Co. Ltd. have not been regularised for many years;

(c) if so, the reasons and justification therefor;

(d) the number of such employees in each of the subsidiaries of GIC; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to make these employees permanent and extend full benefit of pay & allowances, pension and other facilities at par with other permanent employees of their status in GIC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Activities of IDBI

6199. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state the steps taken to expand the activities of IDBI, specially in urban and rural areas State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Transit with Iran and Turkmenistan

6200. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed any agreement in regard to Transit with Iran and Turkmenistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above agreement will be effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) Yes, Sir. On 22 February, 1997 in Tehran, India, Iran and Turkmenistan signed at the level of Foreign Ministers, a Trilateral Agreement on International Transit of Goods.

(b) A suo moto statement was made by the External Affairs Minister before the Lok Sabha on 26 February, 1997 which includes the relevant information.

(c) The agreement shall come into force on the date of exchange of instruments of ratification.

Violation of Regulations of RBI by PSBs

6201. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any violation of RBI regulations has been committed by the Private sector banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the RBI in the matter and the concerned private sector banks on the instructions of the RBI ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that irregularities (including mismangement of funds) vis-a-vis prescribed procedures in banks or RBI instructions are mainly noticed at the time of periodical inspection of banks. RBI have further reported that in addition to some remedial errors, violation of their instructions relating to payment of interest on deposits and advances against shares and debentures by some private sector banks have come to their notice.

Two private sector banks, had offered different rates of interest on domestic term deposits of similar maturities to public institutions/other institutions in violation of RBI directives on interest rates on deposits. The concerned banks were issued letters of displeasure by RBI during January/November, 1996.

As per RBI's extant instructions the commercial banks are precluded from sanctioning advances against the primary security of shares and debentures to partnership/proprietorship concerns. Seven banks in private sector had sanctioned advances against the primary security of shares and debentures to partnership/proprietorship concerns in violation of RBI instructions. RBI had issued letter of displeasure to these bank during 1995-96.

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Kashmir Issue

6202. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the stand taken by Britain in respect of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) the stand taken by the U.S.A. in respect of Jammu & Kashmir;